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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON AMERICAN PRISONERS

LA PAZ FOR NARCOTICS ATTACHE SEDILLO

DEPARTMENT FOR WALENTYNOWICZ AND VANCE

DEAHQS FOR CUSACK

CARACAS FOR RD BACHRACH

1. IN PREPARING FOR FURTHER APPEARANCE BEFORE HOUSE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AND MILITARY
AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT HAS SENT TEAM TO MEXICO CITY TO
TAKE SWORN TESTIMONY FROM 15 SELECTED AMERICAN PRISONERS.
IN THIS CONNECTION, WIEZBOWSKI, WHEN QUESTIONED JUNE 3
BY TEAM MEMBER, ATTRIBUTED VARIOUS STATEMENTS TO YOU.
THESE STATEMENTS WERE ALLEGEDLY MADE DURING HER
INTERROGATION BY MFJP ON NIGHT OF MARCH 25, 1974, FOLLOWING
HER ARREST ALONG WITH MARY WLEN YOWELL AT MEXICO CITY
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. YOU MAY RECALL THAT YOU COMPLETED
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION ON WIEZBOWSKI AND YOWEL IN
CONNECTION WITH CASE OF JOSE A. BELTRAN AND THAT YOU
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ASSISTED MFJP IN INTERROGATING DEFENDANTS.

2. WE ARE SENSITIVE TO YOUR FEELINGS AT BEING IN A ONE-ON-ONE SITUATION, BUT WE BELIEVE YOUR RESPONSE TO THE WIEZBOWSKI ALLEGATIONS WILL GREATLY HELP THE DEPARTMENT TEAM AND EVENTUALLY THE SUBCOMMITTEE TO EVALUATE HER TESTIMONY. THUS YOUR COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING ALLEGATIONS BY WIEZBOWSKI WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

A). YOU ALLEGEDLY TOLD HER AND YOWELL THAT "YOU HAVE NO RIGHTS IN MEXICO. THE ONLY WAY WE CAN HELP IS IF YOU COOPERATE FULLY."

B) YOU ALLEGEDLY TOLD BOTH GIRLS THAT IF THEY FULLY COOPERATED WHEN THEY MADE THEIR FORMAL STATEMENTS, YOU WOULD GO TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AND SAY IN THEIR BEHALF THAT THEY HAD FULLY COOPERATED AND THAT WOULD HELP THEM. SHE ALSO ALLEGED YOU DID NOT APPEAR AT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE.

C) YOU ALLEGEDLY SAID THAT IF THE GIRLS COOPERATED FULLY, "THEY WOULD BE OUT OF HERE IN EIGHT MONTHS."

D) YOU ALLEGEDLY SPOKE TO WIEZBOWSKI "MOSTLY IN SPANISH" ALTHOUGH AT THAT TIME SHE DID NOT SPEAK SPANISH. (SHE ALLOWED AS HOW HER INTERROGATORS MIGHT HAVE THOUGHT SHE SPOKE SPANISH.)

3. IF YOU WISH TO RESPOND, PLEASE CABLE COMMENTS SOONEST, REPEATING MESSAGE TO DEPARTMENT. JOVA

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